



The Lighthouse

Matecumbe United Methodist Church
"Bringing the Light of Jesus Christ to Our Islands"



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Office hours – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.



Worship Service Sunday - 11:00 am

YouTube Services

Don't miss any of the weekly services. [Click here](#) to select the Sermon you would like to hear.



And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke 2:8-14

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Check your Sunday email for announcements and the sermon, from the previous week.

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Beatitudes/Sermon on the Mount starts Jan 15.

Stained Glass: Tuesday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Lady Card Players: 9:30 to 12 on Tuesdays

Men's Breakfast: Thurs 7:30 a.m. at Lorelei.

Bible Study: Thursdays at 4:30 pm with Rob Kolb in Fellowship Hall, currently the book of Acts.

Book Club: Wednesday Jan 18, 12:30 pm. Bring your lunch, discuss books you've read, select February book.

Children's Home: Please remember to bring in your loose change for the jar in the Narthex that goes to helping these children. Next offering—January 29.



Prayer List: Barbara Haudenschild, Chuck Darney, Jack & Jean Munro, Becky Hinds, Carol Reinken, Ann Matheson, Tom Beck, Candy Richard, Carley Poore, Susan Payton, Scott Ross,

End of war in Ukraine.

January Birthdays: 2 – Jo Coon, 8– Judy Winstel, 11– Dana Eckstein, 12– Roy Lindback, 15 – Jane Cole, 16 – Susan Woollet, 18– Shirley Wilson, 27– April Dugger, 30– Barbara Haudenschild, 30– Bob Quinn, 31– Carol Eckstein, 31– Jackie Tilton.



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Get Off to a Fresh Start! 2023 is Here!

We are officially starting a New Year and what better way to start than with a great book... the Bible. And we have suggestions.

- ◆ **Bible Study with Rob Kolb** is a wonderful opportunity to learn and to share the Bible experience with others in our church family. They are current studying the book of Acts. Join in.
- ◆ **Bible Plans** help you engage with God's Word every day, a little at a time. There are amazing plans available online at [Bible.com](https://www.bible.com)!



Bible in One Year 2023 with Nicky Gumbel

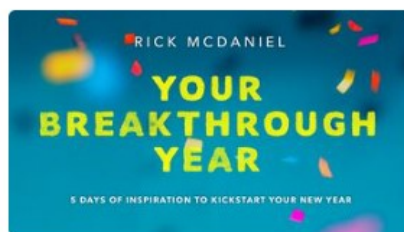
- ◆ Read or listen to the Bible daily with commentary from Nicky and Pippa Gumbel. Get started today! [Click here](#) to try this plan.



The One Year® Bible

- ◆ With "The One Year® Bible," the world's most popular annual reading Bible, you will experience the insights and joy gained from reading the entire Bible. And it takes as little as just

15 minutes a day. [Click here](#) to read the entire Bible in 2023.



2023. [Click here](#)

- ◆ "Your Breakthrough Year" Bible plan will share the encouragement and inspiration you need so you can have your best year ever in

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Reports from afar!

Email from Javy

Hope all is well with everyone! I haven't found a church yet in Nashville where I feel comfortable but I am working very hard at my new job and have learned many new tricks and technical skills. I am working at a venue in downtown Nashville that is known for its nightlife scene, though there is a decent daytime crowd that comes in for food and the quieter acoustic acts.



The venue is owned by Blake Shelton and Ryman Hospitality Properties, the owners of the Ryman Auditorium and The Grand Ole Opry. Some may know Blake Shelton as the country singer and judge on NBC's singing competition, "The Voice." It's a change of pace from Islamorada and I do miss a lot about the Keys. I will continue to watch church services online as long as they're available and am still so thankful for being able to worship and serve with everyone at MUMC.

Photos from Alaska!



Zack and Aponi just had twins, making Rich and Mary Russell smile big smiles as proud grandparents after traveling to Alaska to check out the newborns. December in Alaska! Is that just a t-shirt Rich is wearing as they pose in



front of a snow covered Kosey Cottage in Wasilla. Rich reports "The weather has been real nice in Anchorage and Wasilla...mid to low 20's. That said, the roads are treacherous; we have been driving on a lot of black ice." Next stop, Colorado to see Joy!

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Life at Crystal Health and Rehab

Nursing homes often seem scary and depressing. Living in one can fill people with a sense of loneliness. Involvement with family and friends is important in helping the older person make the living arrangement more pleasant.

The brainchild of Nan Inches, the Matecumbe United Methodist Church organizes regular functions at Crystal, developing bonds with the residents who look forward to seeing their friends from MUMC on a regular basis. Residents especially love the free shopping boutiques. But it is the caring attention they receive at special events that means so much ... and all those hugs, haircuts by Faye, small Christmas trees for their rooms, and gifts for special occasions. For Christmas they all received gifts—hats for the fellows and hand lotion and Christmas pins for ladies.



The Matecumbe United Methodist Church volunteers do a remarkable job making the residents at Crystal feel adored. If you'd like to be a part of this effort please get in touch with Nan Inches (412-310-5001). You will love the experience—bringing so much joy is absolutely heartwarming.



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What a special pot luck lunch after church on Nov 20—a goodbye to Praygod as he heads back to Tanzania after a year at Cheeca. Our best to you Praygod—we will all miss you!



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So proud of the Smith family!



**MARGIE SMITH RECEIVES
WOMAN OF THE YEAR HONORS**



Margie announces daughter Corley's big news: It's official! My oldest has been formally accepted by admissions to her dream school Harvey Mudd College, a true Engineering powerhouse in California, and after being a recruited athlete considering many top schools nationwide she will be swimming for Claremont Mudd Scrips starting Fall of '23!

Thank you to Coach Jon Olsen on the swimming side and the many teachers and others who invested in her in terms of both academics and character building so that she would be ready for this opportunity. She learned a long time ago that a willingness to work hard is her super power but it indeed takes a village. So proud. Love to Harvey Mudd College; CMS Athletics; Florida Keys Swim Club; Coral Shores High School; Alligator Reef Lighthouse Swim



We love our church family

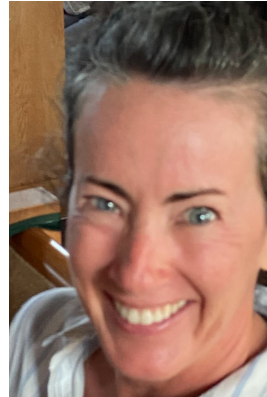


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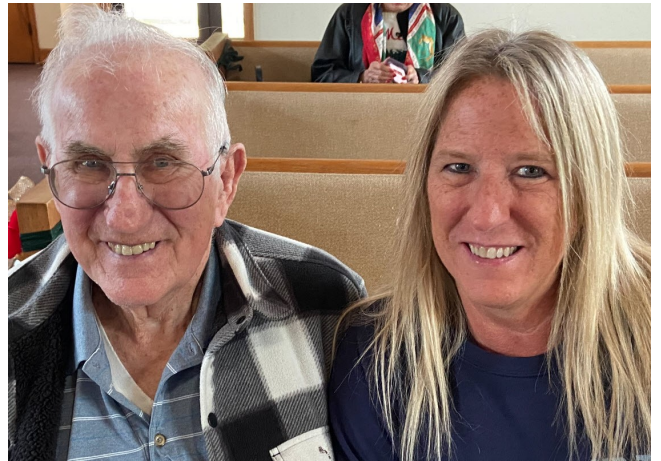


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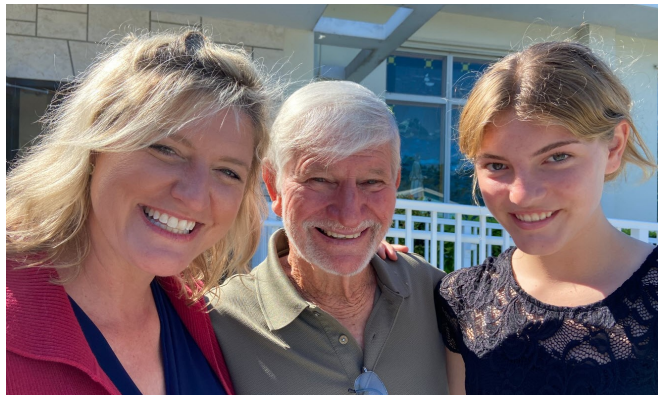
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Smiles of Joy



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